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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office action mailed August 21, 2003 from the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-33. Applicants withdraw claims 34-40.

Respectfully submitted,

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